

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2017

*We are St. Thomas More Parish,  
members of the living Body of Christ,  
born again in Baptism  
and strengthened through the Eucharist  
to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.*

## Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm in Spanish

Monday & Thursday - 6:00 pm Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Works of Mercy Chapel



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STEWARDSHIP

“The eyes of the blind will be opened”

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.

Isaiah the prophet had predicted “The eyes of blind will be opened” (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah.

Of course, we need to understand that the “eyes of the blind



will be opened” has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus’ saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, “Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord’s place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, “Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God.”

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 25**

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

**Sunday, March 26** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)  
 11:00 am Thomas Brumlow (d)  
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
 Eileen Brosman (d)

**Monday, March 27**

6:00 pm Bill Cash (d)

**Tuesday, March 28**

7:00 am George Bourgois (d)  
 10:00 am SMMS ~ *Bishop William Medley*

**Wednesday, March 29**

12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*  
 Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

**Thursday, March 30**

6:00 pm Charlie Wilson (d)

**Friday, March 31**

7:00 am Theresa Miller (d)  
 8:05 am SMES ~ *Fr. Brad Whistle*  
 Dennis Griffith (d)

**Saturday, April 1**

5:30 pm Louis Haas (d)

**Sunday, April 2** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Tom Erickson (d)  
 11:00 am Our Parish Family  
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
 Dr. James Hennessy (d)

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*a way of life*

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

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<b>Liturgical Ministers Schedule April 1/2</b>			
<b>N</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Diana Black	Camilla Shumaker	Tim Whitelock
Euch. Ministers	Ann Averill Sr. Lucy Bonifas Mary Evans Mikel Fields Barb Harris Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy David Shoulta Kelly Veatch Shayne Veatch Dolores Webber	Scott Babbs Frank Block Tom Clinton Lynn King Jeff Mudd Jill Mudd David Roof Maria Stuckenberg Rose Ann Walker Craig Willett Kathy Willett	Tessa Cash Joe Hobbs Pat Hobbs Barb Larbes Karina Romero Marianna Romero Claudia Smith Brandon Trevathan Richard Vieiyez
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy

*What's Happening*

- Sunday, March 26**  
**10:00 am** No Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)  
**10:00 am** Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)  
**11:00 am** Confirmation Mass (Church)  
**2:00 PM** Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)  
**3:00 pm** Penance Service (Church)  
**4:00 pm** TEC Reunion (Chapel/Parish Hall)

- Monday, March 27**  
**6:30 pm** Pastoral Council (Sacred Heart Room)  
**6:30 pm** First Communion Class (Parish Hall)

- Tuesday, March 28**  
**7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)  
**9:00 am** Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)  
**10:00 am** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)  
**6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)

- Wednesday, March 29**  
**9:00 am** Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)  
**6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)  
**6:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)  
**7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

- Thursday, March 30**  
**5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)  
**6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross (Chapel)  
**6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)  
**7:30 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

- Friday, March 31**  
**6:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

- Saturday, April 1**  
**10:30 am** Hispanic Baptism Class (Sacred Heart Room)  
**4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

- Sunday, April 2**  
**10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)  
**12:15 pm** Stations in Spanish (Church)  
**5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

**Hour of Prayer**

- Monday:** Steve & Jean Berry  
**Tuesday:** John & Wanda Shaw  
**Wednesday:** Monty & Peggy Thompson  
**Thursday:** Caron Carter & Marge Wurth  
**Friday:** Lillie Watson & Rose Freiseis  
**Saturday:** Pat & Anna Cairney

**RCIA topic for Thursday, March 30**

**Holy Orders**

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend any of this year's RCIA sessions. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for refreshment of your understanding of what the Catholic faith professes. No need to reserve. Just come in if you are interested. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at [pcairney@stmore.org](mailto:pcairney@stmore.org).



**Vocation Awareness**

*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*  
 Our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, calls us to follow him. By our baptism, we are all called to follow Christ, each within our specific vocation. If you have ever felt that God is calling you to serve as a Catholic priest, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com), [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org).

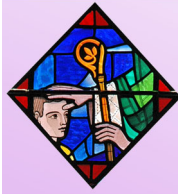
**Intercession:** For a full appreciation of the gift of ministry within the Church, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray to the Lord.

**Eternal Rest**

Hughleen Riney, sister of Helen Sims, passed away in February 2017.

Sam Hayden, father of Patrick Hayden, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

May God welcome them home and comfort their families in this time of sorrow.



**2017 Confirmation**

Blessings and congratulations to our St. Thomas More youth who are being confirmed by Bishop William Medley today at the 11:00 am Mass. They are:

*J Barber, Ixchel Barraza, Cody Browning, Margaret Butts, Ryan Chua, Abigail Cope, John Ryan Curtsinger, Jerome de la Rosa, Chiara Doran, Grant Eckstein, Joey Eggemeyer, Keaton Elliott, Abby Hatton, Marshall Johnson, Billy Johnston, Andrew Katz, Emma Kerr, Madeline Kerr, Josh King, Isaac LaBarge, Jaclyn Meredith, Will Muter, William Seay, Sophia Shiben, Allison Shockley, Hannah Speis, Alyssa Todino. Abby Tyson, Samuel Whelan, Elliott Straub, and Benjamin Willett.* Please keep these young people in your prayers.



**Recent Baptism**

Blessings and congratulations to Mia Isabella Thompson, daughter of Benjamin & Christine Thompson, who was baptized on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

**Sunday Night Bible Study**

The Sunday night bible study will not meet today, **March 26**, but will meet on Sunday, April 2 for the final session of our study of John.

**Bishop Medley in Paducah**

Bishop William Medley will be in his Paducah office at Lourdes Hospital on **Tuesday, March 28** from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm. He will have Mass at St. Mary Middle School at 10:00 am that day. Appointments should be scheduled through his Owensboro office at 270-683-1545.

**D of I Meeting**

Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Tuesday, April 4** at 6:30 pm with the Rosary to be prayed at 6:00 pm at the KC Hall.

**Inspiration for the Week**

Today is Laetare Sunday, or Rejoicing Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the midpoint of our Lenten observances. In the midst of our season of penance, today provides an opportunity to express our joy as we journey along to Easter.

*Sorrow looks back,  
worry looks around,  
faith looks up.*

-Anonymous

**Pastoral Council Nominations Begin Next Weekend**

Next weekend, April 1st and 2nd, begins the nomination process for four Pastoral Council positions. Nomination forms will be available in the pews during all Masses. Forms will also be available in the Parish Office. You may also submit nominations by phone or email to Lois Bell in the Parish Office at 270-534-9000 or [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org). The deadline for submitting nominations is **Monday, April 24th**. St. Thomas More uses a Leadership Discernment process for selecting new Pastoral Council members.

**St. Thomas More Severe Weather Plan**

Fr. Brad and the St. Thomas More Parish Council have discussed for some time initiating a severe weather plan for the St. Thomas More church. The tornado in Mayfield last year and the recent tornado outbreaks this year highlight the need to be prepared for severe weather threats to the church during a weekend mass service. The extensive windows in all sides of the main sanctuary would pose a significant hazard to those present if high winds were to hit the church during mass. Look for further details of the severe weather plan in future bulletins.



**TEC - Teens Encountering Christ Reunion Masses Today**

Join your regional TEC community for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TEC on **Sunday, March 26**. Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro, Holy Spirit in Bowling Green, and St. Thomas More in Paducah. The event includes Mass at 4:30 pm with food and games to follow in the Parish Hall. If interested and need more details please contact Diane Hicks McIntyre at (270) 970-3241 or Abby Thomas at (270) 903-2125.




**Easter Candy Needed**

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee is in need of candy for the annual hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 16**. Please bring wrapped individual pieces of candy that can be stuffed into plastic eggs. Larger bunnies, small toys, and items for prizes to be given away at the end of the hunt are also needed. A basket is located in the Gathering Space for donations.

**Lenten Day of Prayer at MSJ**

A Lenten Day of Prayer will take place **Saturday, April 8** from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The event will be led by Monsignor Bernard Powers and will include Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Monsignor Powers is a retired priest of the Diocese of Owensboro and has served as a teacher, pastor, retreat director and spiritual director. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

<i>Area Lenten Penance Services</i>			
	<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>Today, March 26</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
	St. Francis de Sales	Monday, March 27	6:30 pm
	St. John	Tuesday, March 28	6:30 pm
	Rosary Chapel	Thursday, March 30	6:00 pm

***Other Reconciliation Opportunities***

The sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Opportunities for confession will be in our Works of Mercy Chapel **every Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 - 7:00 pm**, or until all confessions are heard. **The last Wednesday for reconciliation will be on April 5.** Other times for Reconciliation are every **Thursday 5:30 to 6:00 pm** in the Works of Mercy Chapel and on **Saturday afternoons 4:00 to 5:00 pm** in the Church.

***Faith Formation Annual Food Drive***

Faith Formation's 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "CARING HANDS, LOVING HEARTS" **Food Drive** benefits Paducah Cooperative Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul and River City Mission. Grocery bags will be provided and are available near the church entrance. Please fill a grocery bag with food and return it on the weekends of **March 25/26 or April 1/2.** Over 150,000 pounds of food have been collected from the drives of the last 17 years. This is a great opportunity during this Season of Lent to serve the Lord by serving and caring for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Monetary donations may be placed in a marked envelope and dropped in the regular collection basket at Mass. All donations, whether large or small, are greatly appreciated and important in making a real difference in the lives of hungry men, women, and children in Paducah. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your family for your support and generosity!

***MD to KY Genealogy Conference Coming in June***

The 2017 Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond Genealogy Conference will be held **June 22-25, 2017**, at Brescia University in Owensboro. To learn more or to register for the conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3/>, follow the conference at Facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc or contact president of the board of directors, Jane Hagan Smith, at [marylandtokentucky@gmail.com](mailto:marylandtokentucky@gmail.com) or (502) 366-4962 or (502) 552-8087 (cell).

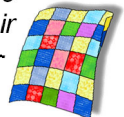


***KC Fish Fry***

The St. Francis de Sales *Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council 1055*, located at 3028 Jefferson Street in Paducah, are hosting Lenten fish fry's (baked or fried fish/shrimp and trimmings) each Friday night from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Dine-in or call ahead for drive thru carry-outs at (270) 443-3480. The last Friday night fish fry will be on April 7.

***Quilt Show Luncheon***

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is having their annual **Quilt Show Luncheon & Display Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28** from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Come and browse our Quilt display, enjoy a delicious meal and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt!



***Saints & Special Observances***

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
**Friday:** Abstinence  
**Saturday:** First Saturday  
 April Fools Day

***Readings for the Week***

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Remember in Prayer...**

**Parishioners:** Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Lance Fleming, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Cynthia Owen & her unborn babies, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Roscoe Shoulta, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise

**Homebound:** Elizabeth Edwards, Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Lucienne Willett, Gertrude Yopp

**Nursing Home:** Carol Baugh, Opal Cooper, Rose de Leo, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Carl Harper, Bernie Herrmann, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

**Non-Parishioners:** Matthew Shoulta, Holly Randall, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson, Margaret Whitney, Don Manning, Michael Sloan, Gwen Allen, Ada Cruce, Tom Butler



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Philip Chapman, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Jeremy Copeland, Eric Gast, Aaron Conover, Brian Clayton, Hannah Wilson, John Davis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Magers, Tyler Shumaker, Jeff Perry, Tyler Scott Dickson, Logan Hatton, Nathan Phipps, Sam Herrmann, Charles Soward, Kelly Scott-Nevenon, Greg Nevenon, Cameron Gruening, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith  
*“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”*

**Prayer for the Sick**

*Father God,  
 we lift up all those  
 who are facing illness today.  
 We ask that you would bring  
 healing, comfort and peace  
 to their bodies.  
 Calm their fears and  
 let them experience  
 the healing power  
 of your love!  
 In Jesus' name we pray.  
 Amen.*



**Saturday, March 25**

*Chrissy Eastes, Parker Leet, Bob Maglasang, Humberto Prado*

**Sunday, March 26**

*Lynn Baker, Sydney Carter, Carol Crane, Paula Hubert, Banks LaFont, Idona Schipp, Jose Venegas, Josh Wadley*

**Monday, March 27**

*Kate Adams, John Ryan Curtsinger, Ava Farris, Amy Garrett, Becky Glasby, Phil Higdon, Sophie Hollowell, Nash Jordan*

**Tuesday, March 28**

*Tom Clinton, Katy Crouch, Kelly Howell, Dylan Molina, Todd Nelson, Victoria Romero*

**Wednesday, March 29**

*Antonio Henderson, Keshia Hitchings, Craig Jones, Baylee Phelan, Earline Wurth*

**Thursday, March 30**

*Tara Hite, Emmy Jo Walton*

**Friday, March 31**

*Vincente Aguirre, David Burrus, Landon Harned, Ignacio Machaen, Marty Ryan, Emma Skaggs, Henry Stoerger*

**Saturday, April 1**

*James Hunt, Camdon Wheeler*

**Sunday, April 2**

*Luis Amador, Colin Bryant, Patrice Hoffman, Debbie Nevels, David Winfield*



**Monday, March 27**

*Justin & Elizabeth Mason 7 yrs.*

**Thursday, March 30**

*Wally & Marylou Elfen 38 yrs.*

**Sunday, April 2**

*David & Gina Winfield 29 yrs.  
 Jose & Liliana Venegas 1 yr.*

**Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:**

Does God make people suffer because of their sins?

**Answer:**

Let's use the analogy of parents. If your children did something wrong, would you make them suffer? In other words, would you make them feel pain just because they did something wrong? You might chastise them, and the punishment or correction might not be pleasant, but out of love for your children, you will not hurt them just to hurt them. Sometimes, they suffer the consequences of their actions and that is punishment enough. You hope they learn and grow from their choices, good and bad.

God is a loving Father. He allows us to suffer the consequences of our sins, so that we will turn to him for his love and forgiveness. God wants us to grow in holiness, in virtue, in grace. He gives us free will so that we can choose, and the choices we make either bring us joy or bring us suffering. From that, we learn and grow. God does not hurt us or make us suffer to get even with us. He loves us and wants the best for us. When we suffer, he suffers with us so that we know how much we need him and how much he loves us.

**Altar Society Ministry for March**

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# Lenten Lunches

*Thanks to everyone who participated and to our speakers*



For the past two Tuesdays, we have enjoyed food and fellowship at our Lenten Luncheon. This year, we had two great speakers and we want to thank them both for their commitment of time and for sharing their unique stories with us.

The first week we welcomed Sr. Lucy Bonifas, who spoke about her recent retirement and how stewardship has played such a role in her life while she was working and after she retired.

Lunch last Tuesday was accompanied by an interesting talk from Brian Katz. Brian spoke of his conversion from the Jewish faith to the Catholic Faith.

We hope everyone who attended enjoyed both our speakers and we look forward to hosting lunch next year during lent. If you have ideas of topics you would like to hear next year, go to our website at [www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org), click on "Contact Us" and send us a quick note. We would love to hear your thoughts.



*Join us Sunday evening, April 9 at 7 p.m. for Tenebrae - a special service of light, scripture and music. See next week's bulletin for details.*

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GIVE UP  
TAKE UP

**Stations of the Cross**

- 6:30 pm Each Thursday Following Evening Mass (Chapel)
- 12:15 pm Each Sunday (Spanish)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- 4 pm Each Saturday (Church)
- 5:30 pm Each Thursday (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Each Wednesday

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 9**

- 5:30 pm Vigil Mass and Procession (Saturday)
- 9 am Solemn Blessing & Procession of Palm
- 11 am Mass and Procession
- 1 pm Mass and Procession (Spanish)
- 7 pm Tenebrae

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